

28 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Foreign Intelligence, ACSI
Department of the Army

SUBJECT: NIS Category Rating for Section 81, NIS 86

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 21 October 1959, same subject.

2. It was my impression that Colonel Smith's 13 January request had been suitably responded to by a conversation between the Chief of the Editorial Division, OBI, and the Army NIS Coordinator, at which time reference was made to the series of editor-contributor conferences a year ago on the subject section.

3. At a 13 October 1958 conference OBI editorial worknotes and comments which had been developed during the processing of the contribution were provided to and discussed with the ACSI representatives, Majors Breitenbach and Wacholz. These notes and comments, which included suggestions to assist revision of the material, dealt in detail with the substantive, technical, and statistical shortcomings which were the basis for the category rating assigned.

4. Four additional OBI conferences with Major Breitenbach, over a period extending into December, were required to process and incorporate corrections and revisions submitted by him.

5. It will continue to be OBI standard practice to provide ACSI and other contributors with detailed notes and comments at the time of processing contributions for the NIS. As I have explained at a number of NIS Committee meetings and on other occasions, however, OBI provision of additional detailed recapitulations of OBI findings and qualitative evaluations for individual contributions is a practice which is not permitted by the OBI over-all workload and the prime importance of shortening as much as may be the time elapsing between preparation and publication of NIS.

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